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In re application of:

Nazarenko *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/599,594

Filed: June 22, 2000

For: **Primers and Methods for the  
Detection and Discrimination of  
Nucleic Acids**

Confirmation No.

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Fredman, J.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4980002/RWE

**Reply To Restriction Requirement**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 20, 2001, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, represented by claims 10-22 and 47. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.


It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees

required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account

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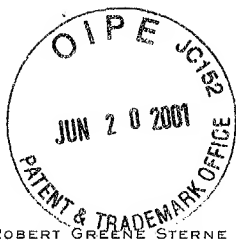
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (in duplicate);
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (in duplicate);
3. Reply To Restriction Requirement;
4. Return postcard; and
5. Our check no. 31671 for \$390.00 to cover the fee for an extension for response within second month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2)).

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are

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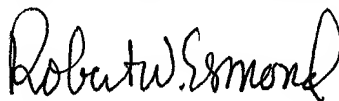
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

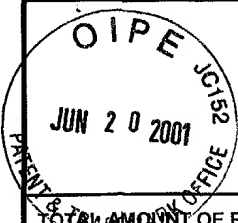
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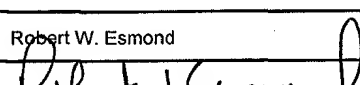
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